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(07.02): PHYSICS SEMINAR IN U.S.S.R.

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LETTER TO KAZACHKOVSKIY

1. IN 13 APRIL MEETING AT SCAE, SCICOUNS PRESENTED LETTER AND POINTS
REFTEL A TO ARIFMETCHIKOV AND PUSTYNTSEV. ARIFMETCHIKOV'S RESPONSE
WAS THAT SEMINAR COULD INDEED INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS ON BREEDING
RATIOS AND SHIELDING, BUT THAT IT IS TOO LATE TO INCORPORATE
OTHER ITEMS LISTED IN REF C. (ITEMS II AND III OF REF C).

2. ARIFMETCHIKOV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON
THE BN-350 THAT GOES BEYOND WHAT WAS REPORTED IN THE FEB ISSUE
OF ATOMIC ENERGY, BUT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE ANOTHER
REPORT FOR PRESENTATION AT THE SEMINAR. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WILL,
HOWEVER, BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE BN-350 WHICH
THE U.S. SIDE WISHES TO RAISE DURING SEMINAR. ARIFMETCHIKOV
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SAID THE SOVIETS WERE NOT PREPARED TO EXTEND THE SEMINAR BEYOND
THREE DAYS.

3. COMMENT: ARIFMETCHIKOV'S RESPONSE INDICATED SOVIET WILLINGNESS
TO GO PART OF THE WAY IN MEETING U.S. DESIRES ON SYMPOSIUM. WE ARE
A BIT DUBIOUS ABOUT HIS CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE NOTHING
FURTHER TO REPORT ON THE BN-350 OTHER THAN WHAT HAS APPEARED IN THE

ATOMIC ENERGY JOURNAL, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THEIR REFUSAL
TO EXTEND THE CONFERENCE BEYOND THREE DAYS. WE SUGGEST A GOOD
WAY TO TEST THE SOVIET INTENTIONS ON THIS POINT WOULD BE FOR
ERDA TO PROVIDE THE SOVEITS THROUGH THE EMBASSY A LIST
OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THE U.S. WILL RAISE ON THE BN-350, WELL
IN ADVANCE OF THE SEMINAR. END COMMENT.
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